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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PN, GY
SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATY

REF: A. STATE 198648; B. STATE 199000

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REF A, I CALLED FONMIN WILLS DURING MORNING OF AUGUST 20 AND MADE INFORMAL AND TENTATIVE INQUIRY CONCERNING GOG RECEPTIVITY TO INVITATION TO PANAMA CANAL SIGNING CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON. WILLS, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, GUESSED THAT GOG WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION. HOWEVER, HE WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH PNC BIENNIAL CONGRESS AND WAS ABOUT TO DASH OFF TO ITS CLOSING SESSION; HE REQUESTED THAT WE MEET ON AUGUST 22 TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER. I HAVE NOT TALKED TO HIM SINCE RECEIPT OF REF B. DESPITE WILLS' OPTIMISM, MY GUESS IS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DOCTORS WILL NOT LET HIM TRAVEL IN HIS PRESENT CONDITION, AND THAT BURNHAM WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO LET PRESIDENT CHUNG GO IN HIS PLACE.

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2. I MADE CLEAR TO WILLS THAT THE INQUIRY WAS TENTATIVE. THEREFORE, IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS REASONS WHY GUYANA SHOULD NOT BE INVITED TO THE SIGNING CEREMONY, I CAN PROBABLY WITHDRAW THE INQUIRY WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO RELATIONSHIPS OTHER THAN SOME EMBARRASSMENT, ESPECIALLY IF WILLS HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH BURNHAM.

3. IF I AM INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW THE INQUIRY, I HOPE THAT THE REASON THAT I MUST GIVE TO WILLS WILL NOT BE REPEAT NOT BE THAT THE US IS INVITING ONLY MEMBERS OF THE OAS. GUYANA'S EXCLUSION FROM THE OAS IS ALREADY A SORE POINT WITH WILLS AND THIS WOULD ONLY EXACERBATE THE IRRITATION. A MORE ACCEPTABLE EXPLANATION WOULD BE THAT ONLY THOSE LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN HELPFUL AND/OR ACTIVE RECENTLY IN FACILITATING A SETTLEMENT OF THE CANAL ISSUE WERE BEING INVITED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER I SHOULD WITHDRAW THE TENTATIVE INVITATION AND, IF SO, REASON TO BE GIVEN FOR DOING SO.
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